

REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has amended the Specification, canceled claims 1-12, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, amended claims 13 and 14, and added new claims 20-25. Applicant also proposes to make changes to Figs. 2-10, 13-18, 19A-19B, 20B, 21B, 22-24, and 25A-25B of the drawings, subject to the Examiner's approval. The proposed changes to Figures 2-10, 13-18, 19A-19B, 20B, 21B, 22-24, and 25A-25B are reflected in the annotated sheets in Appendix C. No new matter has been added.

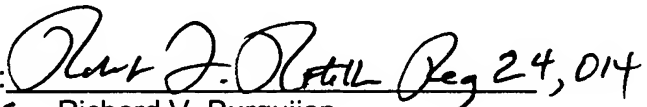
Applicant respectfully requests timely and favorable action in this case.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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